

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 620

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Tiffany Fickle, East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the very best education to Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany Fickle is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fickle has recently been selected as the East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year in Hamblen County, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influences she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Ms. Fickle holds a Bachelors of Science degree in both Special and Elementary education. She also holds an Associate of Science degree from Walters State Community College, and continues as a student at that institution studying Conversational Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fickle has served with acumen and alacrity as a Special Education teacher at East Ridge Middle School for the past ten years, and she is a former special services team leader and a mentor teacher; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her instructional duties, Ms. Fickle is an East Ridge Middle School Beta Club sponsor and, thus, has participated in various community service activities such as leader of a canned food drive for the Daily Bread Community Kitchen, Toys for Tots, and "Santa's Workshop" at Central Services; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to professionalism in the field of education, Tiffany Fickle is a member of the Hamblen County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fickle is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fickle serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and she truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and for all of these attributes she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Tiffany Fickle for her meritorious service to the children of Tennessee which has garnered her distinguished recognition as the East Ridge Middle School Teacher of the Year, and we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.